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## **Via Electronic Mail**

January 19, 2018

Regional Freedom of Information Officer  
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9  
75 Hawthorne Street (OPA-2)  
San Francisco, CA 94105

**Re: Request for Documents Pursuant to Freedom of Information Act: Desert Line**

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), and on behalf of Baja California Rail Road, Inc. ("BJRR"), please provide copies of all public records and writings, as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 2.100(b), in the possession, custody, and or control of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 that are related to, relied upon, or associated with:

1. All documents related to the "Desert Line," a railroad line stretching approximately 70 miles from Milepost 59.6 at or near the U.S. Border in Division, CA to Milepost 130.0 at Plaster City, CA.
2. For the time period from 2006 to the present, all documents related to Baja California Rail Road Inc., a California corporation.
3. From the time period from 2011 to the present, all documents related to Pacific Imperial Railroad, Inc., a Delaware corporation.
4. All documents related to San Diego & Arizona Eastern Railway Company, a Nevada nonprofit corporation.
5. All documents related to Baja California Railroad S.A. de C.V., a company organized under the laws of Mexico.
6. From the time period from 2016 to the present, all documents related to International Transportation Association, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company.
7. From the time period from 1997 to the present, all documents related to Carrizo Gorge Railway Inc., a California corporation.

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8. From the time period from 1984 to the present, all documents related to San Diego & Imperial Valley Railroad Company, Inc., a California corporation.

9. From the time period from 1964 to the present, all documents related to Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association, a California nonprofit corporation.

Please respond to this request within twenty (20) days after receipt of this letter, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(6)(O)(i). To the extent the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 claims the right to withhold any record, or portion of any record, please describe with specificity each and every record, or portion of every record, that is being withheld, along with the claimed reason for exemption on which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 relies for withholding the record, or portion thereof.

Please notify us when the documents requested have been assembled for our review. After our review, we will indicate whether we wish to have copies of any or all records produced.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Bloetscher', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Abby L. Bloetscher

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